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NEW TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to start direct train from Pune to Ajmer, Pune to Amritsar, run Sarvodaya Express from Aurangabad to Hingoli, Wasim, Akola via Nagpur, New Harihar- Bangalore intercity train, Trichy-Bangalore via Virdhachalam and Lucknow-Hardoi train;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be provided;

(c) the names of the trains specifically designed for linking holy city Amritsar and Ajmer with other parts of the country;and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to augment the above train services?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b) As announced in the Railway Budget 2013-14, 64221/64222 Lucknow-Hardoi MEMU train (6 days) has been introduced w.e.f. 10.02.2014. Further, at present, Pune is connected to Ajmer by 2 pairs of trains, Tiruchchirappalli is connected to Bangalore by 2 pairs of trains and Harihar is connected to Bangalore by 13 pairs of trains. However, at present, there is no proposal for introduction of direct train services from Pune to Ajmer, Pune to Amritsar, Aurangabad to Nagpur via Hingoli, Wasim, Akola and Tiruchchirappalli-Bangalore (via Virdhachalam) due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) & (d) At present, Ajmer is well connected to Delhi, Bangalore, Mysore, Varanasi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Pune, New Jalpaiguri etc. Similarly, Amritsar is well connected to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Nanded, Bilaspur, Patna, Jaipur, Thiruvananthapuram etc. Besides, introduction of trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and availability of resources etc.